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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1292

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ABLD, PFOR, GE

SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC REAL ESTATE PROBLEMS IN EAST BERLIN

1. FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER EAST BERLIN CALLED AT MISSION, AUGUST 1, TO INQUIRE ABOUT US-GDR DISCUSSIONS ON EAST BERLIN RENTS. FRENCH NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN SEVERE BIND DUE TO APARTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STAFF AND NEED FOR SECOND GARAGE AT AMBASSADOR'S TEMPORARY RESIDENCE. GDR DIPLOMATIC SERVICES OFFICE (DIENSTLEISTUNGS-AMT) HAS MADE COMPLIANCE WITH FRENCH REQUESTS CONTINGENT ON SIGNING OF LEASES AT HIGH RENTAL RATES PROMULGATED BY GDR IN SEPTEMBER 1973 ON ALL PROPERTIES PRESENTLY OCCUPIED. FRENCH EMBASSY PLANNED TO INFORM QUAI OF EAST BERLIN SITUATION AND REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BUT FIRST WANTED TO ASCERTAIN OUTCOME US-GDR DISCUSSIONS OF RENTAL ISSUE SINCE US ACCEPTANCE OF RENTS PROPOSED BY EAST GERMANS WOULD MAKE CONTINUED FRENCH RESISTANCE IN THIS MATTER FUTILE. MISSION OFFICER SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE RENTS.

2. WE HAVE ALSO BECOME AWARE OF COMPLICATED BELGIAN REAL ESTATE  
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PROBLEM RELATED TO HIGH RENTS. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL GDR

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GOB RIGHTS TO ITS PROPERTY IN EAST BERLIN UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS AND, AT LATER DATE, AGREED TO EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY WHEREBY GOB WAS TO RECEIVE AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCE IN NIEDER-SCHOENHAUSEN. RENOVATED RESIDENCE NOW READY FOR OCCUPANCY BUT BELGIANS TAKEN ABACK BY GDR REQUEST FOR MONTHLY RENTAL OF MARKS 10,000 ON WHAT SHOULD BE, IN THEIR VIEW, GOB PROPERTY. ACCORDING BELGIAN AMBASSADOR, BELGIANS HAVE REFUSED TO SIGN LEASE AND GDR IN TURN HAS DENIED BELGIANS ACCESS TO PROPERTY. AMBASSADOR WAS UNCLEAR REGARDING CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING PROPERTY EXCHANGE BUT FELT EAST GERMANS HAD TAKEN SOME UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION. COMMENT. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DID NOT ELABORATE BUT BELGIANS APPARENTLY DID NOT TIE DOWN ALL DETAILS IN AGREEING TO EXCHANGE. END COMMENT. AMBASSADOR THOUGHT IT NOW POSSIBLE THAT GDR WOULD ATTEMPT INCLUDE THIS PROPERTY QUESTION IN EVENTUAL GDR-GOB CLAIMS NEGOTIATION.KLEIN

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